

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) A request was made to the Government of Myanmar through diplomatic channels for the construction of new memorials for freedom fighters in Mandalay prison. The Government of Myanmar has informed that it is not possible to construct these memorials.

[English]

#### **Suicides by Students**

4808. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the incidents of suicides by students on the eve of or after examinations and after declaration of the results;

(b) if so, the details about the number of examination related suicide deaths/attempts to suicide by students during the last three years in Delhi and in the country; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to reform the examination system in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

#### **Use of Narcotic Drugs**

4809. DR. M.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry have formulated any programme to stop the use of narcotic drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the date by which this programme is likely to be implemented along with the details of centres established for the purpose State/U.T.-wise; and

(d) the details of the role of the Ministry in this regard and the funds made available for this purpose by them?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c) This presumably refers to the workshop organised in New Delhi on 22-23 April, 1997 by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, in collaboration with International Labour Organisation (ILO) & United Nations International Drugs Control Programme (UNDCP). It was an orientation

programme for a few selected industrial units to develop preventive and deaddiction programmes in their respective units. 10 industrial units participated in the two days workshop.

(d) The workshop was a part of the Government of India ILO-UNDCP Project on "Developing Community Drug Rehabilitation and Workplace Prevention Programmes in India". This project is partly funded by the Ministry of Welfare.

#### **Wakf Property in Delhi**

4810. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government appointed any committee to enquire and recommend the steps to restore Wakf property in Delhi from unlawful possession to the Wakf Board; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) No such Committee has been appointed by Government in the recent past. However, in May, 1974 the Central Government had appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri S.M.H. Burney, the then Chairman, Delhi Wakf Board, with Shri K.K. Ghamkhar, the then Land Development Officer, Shri V. Shankaran, the then Commissioner (Reclamation) and Shri Hassanuddin Ahmed, then Officer on Special Duty (Wakf) as members for examining the claim of Delhi Wakf Board in respect of Wakf properties under the possession of Land and Development Office and Delhi Development Authority and to make recommendations in this regard. This committee is popularly known as "Burney Committee".

(b) The said Committee in its Report submitted to the Government in March, 1976 made the following recommendations :

(i) The wakf properties which are in existence on the site and are in regular use shall be transferred to the Delhi Wakf Board/Mutawallis and the Government will withdraw its claim to its ownership. The Wakf Board/Mutawalli will be empowered to develop these properties in accordance with the Master Plan and Municipal Bye-laws.

(ii) The wakfs which are non-existent on site, and where the Government has constructed buildings, parks, etc. shall be handed over to the Government. The Delhi Wakf Board shall withdraw its claim to these properties.

(iii) The wakfs which are in dilapidated condition but capable of use, shall be handed over to the Delhi Wakf Board. The Government shall withdraw its claim to the ownership of such properties. The Delhi Wakf Board shall also be permitted to develop them in accordance with the Master Plan and Municipal bye-laws. The Delhi Wakf

Board shall develop these wakfs in a befitting manner keeping in view the architecture of the surrounding areas in which the Wakfs are located. The Delhi Gazette notification of such properties shall stand and the Government will withdraw cases from the courts against their notification.

(iv) The Wakfs which are in a dilapidated condition and not capable of use shall not be handed over to the Delhi Wakf Board. The Delhi Wakf Board shall have no claim to these properties and agreement, if any, in respect of such wakfs shall be terminated.

(v) The graveyards where graves are in existence and which have been gazetted as such, the Government will surrender its claim to these properties and also withdraw their cases from the courts. The Delhi Wakf Board shall be allowed to maintain and develop them where possible according to the Master Plan and Municipal bye-laws. The right of ownership, maintenance and development shall vest in the Delhi Wakf Board and the agreement, if any, in respect of such graveyards will be terminated.

(vi) The graveyards where graves are not in existence and which have been developed into parks or on which buildings have been constructed by the Government or Corporation authorities, the Delhi Wakf Board shall be compensated for the same and the Board thereupon shall withdraw its claim to such graveyards in favour of the Government/Municipal Corporation.

#### **Murder in Delhi**

4811. SHRI UTTAM SINGH PAWAR :  
SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARAYA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-items captioned "Traders shut shop against murder" appearing in the "Indian Express", dated March 11, 1997 and captioned "Industrialist stabbed near IIT" appearing in the 'Pioneer', dated April 25, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the culprits have since been arrested and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any enquiries into alleged police lapses have been conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In the first incident, the deceased was allegedly shot by the accused on March 8, 1997 after the deceased reportedly refused to comply with his demand for money. A case under section 302 IPC was registered at Police

Station, Rohini. In the second incident, the victim was stabbed on Olof Palme Marg on the night of 23/24.4.97. A case under section 394/34 IPC was registered at Police Station, Vasant Vihar.

(c) and (d) All out efforts are being made by Delhi Police to arrest the culprits in both the cases. No lapse on the part of the local police has come to notice in either case.

#### **Generation of Power from Cosmos Objects**

4812. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bindu Vedic Science Research Foundation, Bangalore have evolved a system to generate electricity from cosmos objects; and

(b) if so, whether the Atomic Energy scientists propose to discuss with the above foundation scientists to produce inexhaustible source of energy from cosmos objects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

#### **Fund for Ganga Action Plan**

4813. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some amount from the funds allocated for the Ganga Action Plan has been used for the construction of the guest houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action against this erroneous decision; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) to (d) U.P. Jal Nigam has diverted about Rs. 5 lakhs for the construction of a guest house at Haridwar from the funds allocated for Ganga Action Plan. The above diversion was brought to the notice of U.P. Government to examine the matter and take necessary action. The expenditure incurred on the construction of the guest house has not been accepted by National River Conservation Directorate of this Ministry. The U.P. Jal Nigam has informed that on the orders of U.P. Government, they have transferred the above expenditure to their other project head and it is not being charged to Ganga Action Plan.